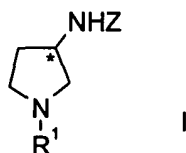


1 [0039] What is claimed is:

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3 1. A process for the manufacture of 3-amino-pyrrolidine derivatives of the
4 formula



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6 wherein

7 R¹ signifies hydrogen or an amino protecting group;

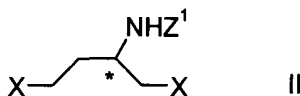
8 Z signifies hydrogen or an amino protecting group;

9 and

10 * represents a center of chirality,

11 which process comprises:

12 converting a compound of the formula

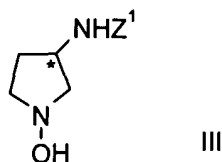


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14 wherein

15 X signifies a protected hydroxy group; and

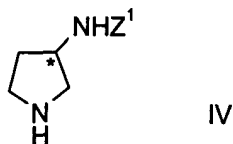
16 Z¹ signifies an amino protecting group;

17 in the presence of hydroxylamine or an acid addition salt thereof into the N-
18 hydroxy-pyrrolidine derivative of the general formula



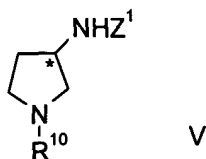
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20 and

21 reducing the N-hydroxy group to the secondary amine of the general
22 formula

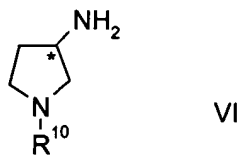


by hydrogenation with Raney nickel.

2. The process according to claim 1, further comprising protecting the secondary N¹ amino group by reaction with a compound of the formula R¹⁰X¹, in which R¹⁰ is an amino protecting group and X¹ is halogen or a leaving group, to yield a compound of the general formula



3. The process according to claim 2, further comprising deprotecting the secondary 3-amino group by catalytic hydrogenation to yield a compound of the general formula



4. The process according to claim 1, wherein the center of chirality is in the R-form.

5. The process according to claim 1, wherein X is mesyloxy.

6. The process according to claim 1, wherein Z¹ is benzyloxycarbonyl.

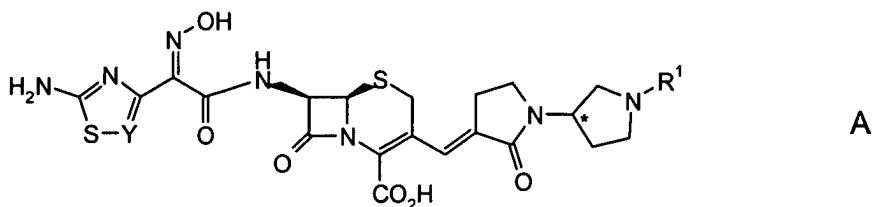
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2 7. The process according to claim 1, wherein the starting compound of formula
3 II is reacted with hydroxylamine hydrochloride.

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5 8. The process according to claim 2, wherein the intermediate of formula IV is
6 reacted with di-tert-butyl-dicarbonate.

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8 9. The process according to claim 3, wherein the deprotection of the
9 secondary 3-amino group of the intermediate of formula V is effected by catalytic
10 dehydrogenation with palladium on charcoal.

11 10. The process according to claim 1, wherein each step is carried out under
12 pressure.

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14 11. The process in accordance with claim 1, wherein the 3-amino-pyrrolidine of
15 formula I is further processed to a vinylpyrrolidinone-cephalosporin derivative of
16 formula A



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18 wherein

19 Y signifies CH or nitrogen;

20 R¹ denotes hydrogen or an amino protecting group; and

21 * denotes a center of chirality.

- 1 12. The process according to claim 10 for the production of (6R,7R)-7-[(Z)-2-(5-
2 amino-[1,2,4]thiadiazol-3-yl)-2-hydroxyimino-acetylamino]-8-oxo-3-[(E)-(R)-2-oxo-
3 [1,3']bipyrrolidinyl-3-ylidenemethyl]-5-thia-1-aza-bicyclo[4.2.0]oct-2-ene-2-
4 carboxylic acid of the formula

